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News & Notes

May 29 - June 11



Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.



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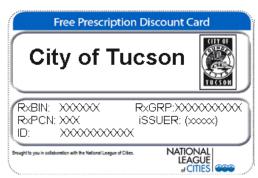
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Prescription Coverage Don't have prescription coverage or the prescription you need is not covered by your insurance, then we have some great news for you! National League of Cities (NLC) has a program to all their member cities (City of Tucson is a member), to help their City residents reduce the high



cost of prescription drugs. The NLC Prescription Discount Card program is administered by CVS Caremark. The discount card is accepted at more than 65,000 pharmacies nationwide, including all major pharmacy chains and most local independent pharmacies, it even covers mail orders. Listed below is additional information, starting with the NO's.

- * NO cost to the City or taxpayer
- * NO application or enrollment process
- * NO Membership fee
- * NO restrictions, or limits on the frequency of use
- * NO health, age, or income restrictions

Please understand this program is NOT insurance, it is a prescription discount card, and let me bold this word, ONLY! The program is built to provide a discount on medication that is NOT covered by your insurance. This program can save about 23% on average and up to 75% off the retail price of prescription medication, cha ching! Most prescriptions are eligible for a discount. The discount card gets even better! You can also use the card for pet medications that are also used to treat a human condition. How awesome is that!

You can get your City of Tucson discount card by going to www.caremark.com/nlc. Click "Print a Card Now," it's in big blue box. Next you will enter City of Tucson in the search box on the screen. Then you print out the page, it's as simple as that. If you don't have access to a computer, please give our office a call, we will be happy to help. Now make sure you ask your pharmacy if they accept the NLC Discount Card, 9 out of 10 Pharmacy's do. Now you can start enjoying the savings!



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Movie Night

Dress up as your favorite super hero on Friday, June 27 and head down to the Children's **Outdoor Performance Area** (COPA) at the Clements Center. The fabulous Parks and Rec crew will be holding a Movies Under the Stars night, highlighting Super Hero's and featuring the movie "Man of Steel." This is free admission to all and there will be free popcorn. You can come early and meet special guest stars Justice League of Arizona & Dune Sea Garrison from 6:30-7:30pm. The movie will start at 7:45pm. Additional food will be available for purchase and prizes will be raffled.

- * Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- * A donation of an unwrapped toy for the Tucson Children's Hospital is greatly appreciated.



It's About Safety

Nearly all unintentional shooting deaths involving children occur in or near the home. The Child Safety Lock Act of 2005, a federal law, requires a secure gun storage or safety device to be provided with every sale or transfer of a handgun in the U.S. With that being said, how many of you have guns and have children in the house? Here are just a few facts:



- * 1.69 million children under 18 are living in homes with loaded and unlocked guns
- * More than 70% of unintentional firearm shootings involve handguns
- * 55% of families have one or more guns in an unlocked place
- * Nearly all childhood unintentional shooting deaths occur in or near the home
- * Up to 80% of first and second graders know where their parents keep their guns
- * Children under age 8 can't tell the difference between a real gun and a toy gun
- * Children as young as 3 are usually strong enough to pull the trigger of a gun

Barbara LaWall from the Pima County Attorney's Office has generously donated gun locks to our office. If you would like one, please call our office. We would be happy to give you one.

If you own a gun, be a responsible gun owner, especially if you have children. Simply put people, if you have a gun, you should have it locked up in a safe or have a gun lock on it, and the key put in a hidden spot. There have been too many child accidental shootings. Keep the gun unloaded and locked up.

Esmond Station

You are invited to join any of the two open houses to review concept plans for the development of Pima County's Esmond Station Regional Park. You can attend tonight, May 29, from 6-7:30pm at the Esmond Station School (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way) or on Tuesday, June 3, from 6-7:30pm at the Desert Sky Middle School (9850 E. Rankin Loop). The same material will be presented at each meeting.

The 274-acre Esmond Station Park site is near the intersection of Houghton Road and Mary Ann Cleveland Way. It includes portions of the old Southern Pacific Railroad line that once crossed the site as well as buildings that were part of the railroad's Esmond Station. The rail bed and several historic structures will be retained and incorporated into the park.

The recommendations and suggestions received from the public at the May 29th and the June 3rd meetings will be used to refine the concept plan and to develop a draft Master Plan that will be presented to the Pima County Board of Supervisors later this year. If you have any questions, you can call the Pima County Project Management Office (520) 724-6312.



M&C

The next M&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd. Study Session will begin at 2pm and Regular Session at 5:30pm. Now there will be things discussed, but the main one will be during Regular Session. The final budget adoption for Fiscal Year 2015 will come to vote. Here is additional information that will be discussed in Study Session: * Update on Development (Impact) Fee Program Changes to Comply with State Law * City of Tucson Emergency

- Operations Plan Update
- * Discussion Regarding Charter Review Committee If you can't make it down to City Hall, remember you can always watch the Mayor and Council meeting starting with the Study Session on

Let's Not Get Wild

National Fire Prevention week doesn't start until October, but let's be honest, we live in Arizona, Fire Prevention is every day. With lack of rain, dry weather, and all this wind, it is very easy to start a fire. Simple things like broken glass, carelessly tossed cigarettes, fireworks, abandoned campfires, catalytic converters, chainsaws and discharge of firearms are all known causes of wildfire. There are a lot of places that have fire restrictions during certain times of the year. Restrictions could mean not allowing open fires, except for campgrounds where there are established fire grills or pits. Then there are some areas that might only accept gas or propane camp stoves, or areas that will restrict all types of flames. So before you headed out to your favorite campground site, it is best to find out if there are any fire restrictions where you plan to camp. You can call this hotline 1-877-864-6985 or go to the Fire Restrictions Website.

If you decide to go camping this year, remember to keep plenty of water with you and take a shovel in case the fire gets a little out of hand. Make sure if you use matches that they are completely cool before discarding them. When you're done with your fire pit, make sure to drown the fire, including sticks and brush surrounding the area. NEVER burn when it's windy out, NEVER leave your fire unattended and if it's too hot to touch it's too hot to leave, just a few basic rules.

So let's be responsible and have a fun time camping this year. Oh and don't forget the S'mores, they are the best part!

Yuma Proving Ground, U.S. Army

What is it? It is a United States Army facility and one of the largest military installations in the world. That right, in the world! This facility occupies 1,307.8 square miles in Southwestern Arizona and controlling 2,000 mile of restricted airspace. The Yuma Proving Ground incorporates the longest overland artillery range in the nation. As well as the newest mine test facility in the western world and the most highly instrumented aircraft armament test range in the United States. The Proving Ground personnel test nearly every item in the military arsenal, from armored vehicles to artillery. They also manage extreme cold weather test facilities in Alaska and tropic test operations conducted overseas in a number of tropic locations. Yuma Proving Ground is Yuma Country's primary high-tech workplace and has established working relationships with many outside organizations. So what economic impact does a facility of this size have? Well for one it provides 2,700 direct jobs and sends more than \$400 million into the economy each year. Those are some big numbers.

If you would like more information about Yuma Proving Ground, you can find them at www.yuma.army.mil/. If you would like to help support this facility and all military facilities, you can do so by signing up at www.missionstrongaz.org.

Coming Up...

SUMMER SAFARI NIGHTS

May 30, June 6, June 13, June, 20, Jun 27, July 4, July 11, 5:30pm-8:00pm, Reid Park Zoo Join the fun at Reid Park Zoo Summer Safari Friday Nights presented by TMC. Themed nights featuring different Zoo Keeper chats, animal encounters, artifact stations, enrichment making activities, scavenger hunts, listen to live music (on certain dates), visit vendor booths, ride the train and cool off in Kenya Get Wet. Adults can even enjoy a cold beer – IDs are required. For more info go to reldparkzoo.org/events.

Arizona Bacon Fest

Sat, June 07, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium, 2500 E. Ajo Way The Arizona Black Label Bacon Fest partners with Rock 102.1 and KLPX 96.1 for the 2nd annual bacon-lover event. Enjoy a fun evening of food from local restaurants, local craft beer and live music This is a ages 21-and-older event. Check the website www.arizonabaconfest.net/for more info.

Road Work Update by MJ Dillard

Houghton Road: Irvington to Valencia

Schedule: This project will be completed the first part of June, and is looking like it will be under budget and on schedule. The installation of the rubberized asphalt was just completed, and we placed temporary striping. Traffic also smooths out a lot of the asphalt for the first 30 days. Once this new asphalt sets up (30 days after rubberized asphalt is placed), we will add the final thermoplastic reflective striping and markers.

Landscaping:

Landscaping continues to be installed throughout the project area. Various lanes of traffic will be temporarily closed to provide a safe zone for this installation. Within the next week or two, we will be placing the rock mulch throughout the project area and we will need to close various lanes for this work as well. Our goal is to keep as many of the lanes open as possible at all times. As always, please keep the speeds down. Workers are still on the site and we don't want to see anyone hurt.

****The ribbon cutting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m. We are still working on the location, and will send out details once that is arranged. We look forward to seeing you at our event.***

Houghton Road -Future projects:

The RTA is securing additional bond funding and the City of Tucson has requested funding to complete the work in the following areas: Houghton, 22nd to Irvington Houghton, Valencia to Old Vail/MAC Way.

Our goal is to start construction on these in April of 2015 with the following time lines:

Design- 18 months
Right of Way acquisition- 18 months
Utility relocations- 8 months
Construction- 18 months

We will let you know what funding we receive and how we will move forward from here. We appreciate your patience, and we want to hear from you if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

M.J. Dillard City of Tucson Construction Project Manager 520-837-6616





In the 411

Eastside Police Substation - 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water

William Clements Center - 791-5758 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti for more information on removal or reporting.

